

REMARKS

Claims 1-6, 8-20, and 22-33 remain in the application with original claims 1, 18, and new claims 27, 32 in independent form.

Dependent claims 7, 10, 13, 14, 21, 25, and 26 were indicated as allowable. Accordingly, claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of allowable claim 7 and intermediate claims 4, 5, and 6. Claim 7 has been cancelled. Claim 8 has been amended to depend on allowable claim 1, and dependent claim 9 amended to incorporate claim 10. Claims 8-9 have also been amended to correct a grammatical error. Claims 11-13 and 15-17 have been amended to correct a grammatical error and remain ultimately dependant upon allowable claim 1.

Independent claim 18 has been amended to include the limitations of allowable claim 21 and intermediate claim 20. Claims 22-26 remain ultimately dependent on allowable claim 18.

New independent claim 27 is original claim 1 amended to include the limitations of allowable claim 13 and intermediate claim 12. Claims 2, 4, 10, and 14 have been amended to depend on allowable claim 27 and to correct a grammatical error. Due to the amendment of claim 2, claim 3 ultimately depends on allowable claim 27, and due to the amendment of claim 4, claims 5 and 6 ultimately depend on allowable claim 27. Claims 3 and 5-6 have also been amended to correct a grammatical error. New claims 28-31 have been added to depend on allowable claim 27. New claim 28 is a duplicate of original claim 8, new claim 29 is a duplicate of original claim 11, new claim 30 is a duplicate of original claim 16, and new claim 31 is a duplicate of original claim 17.

New independent claim 32 is original claim 18 amended to include the limitations of allowable claim 25 and intermediate claims 22, 23, and 24. Claims 19-20 have been amended to depend on allowable claim 32. Claim 33 has been added to depend on allowable claim 32 and is a duplicate of original claim 26.

Since all the claims recite allowable subject matter, the claims are in condition for allowance.

Paragraphs [0023] and [0024] have been added to describe new Figures 15 and 16, respectively.

New Figures 15 and 16 have been added pursuant to Examiner's request that the drawings show the fluid cylinder defining "a plurality of apertures". Figure 15 provides a front view of a plug (48) defining the plurality of apertures (110). The plug (48), which is included in the first end wall (116) of the fluid cylinder (40), is shown and fully supported by Figure 3 and illustrates the limitation of the fluid cylinder (40) defining the plurality of apertures. New Figure 16 shows the plug (48) of Figure 15 with a first piston (52) that is shown in both Figures 3 and 10.

In view of the amendments and the remarks set forth above, the Applicant's Attorney respectfully submits that the claims are now in condition for allowance and respectfully requests such allowance.

A checks in the amount of \$60.00 and \$225.00 are included herewith to cover the small entity fees for a one month extension of time, one independent claim, and five dependent claims. The Commissioner is authorized to charge our deposit account no. 08-2789 for any additional fees or credit the account for any overpayment.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that this Amendment, 1 Sheet Formal Drawing, Fee Transmittal, Request for 1 Month Extension of Time and fees are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail, postage prepaid, addressed to Commissioner of Patents, Mailstop AMENDMENT, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450, on September 14, 2005.



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IN THE DRAWINGS

Please add Figure 15 and Figure 16.